

Appl. No. 09/804,389
Amdt. dated August 252003
Reply to Office action of July 82003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to our argument that at least some parts of the primary base region directly contacts collector 76, Examiner maintains that this does not negate the fact that region 64 is wholly within region 66. He then cites a dictionary definition of "within" as "on the inner side of". This, according to Examiner, is consistent with his interpretation of "wholly within" since region 64 is on the inner side of region 66.

This interpretation by Examiner implies that the addition of the qualifier "wholly" has no effect on the meaning of "wholly within". This can readily be shown to be false by considering the case where region A is partly within region B and partly within region C. In such a case, part of region A is on the inner side of region B and part of region A is on the inner side of region C. According to Examiner's interpretation, this means that A is wholly within B and, simultaneously, is wholly within C, which is clearly impossible.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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